**Statement on Level 5 Playwork Qualifications**

During the development of the level 5 Diploma in Playwork (NVQ) it was agreed that some units of the level 4 playwork national occupational standards (on which it is based) were describing knowledge and skills at level 5. As a result, we developed a level 4 Award in Playwork, a level 4 Certificate in Playwork but a level 5 Diploma in Playwork (NVQ).

On the basis of this development, we have agreed that the Level 4 NVQ in Playwork, not now available for registration, can be deemed a level 5 NVQ in Playwork for purposes of transferability and progression. In Northern Ireland, this means that playworkers who have achieved the level 4 NVQ in Playwork can consider themselves qualified to level 5 for social services registration and inspection purposes.

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